

# Woman Managed Largest Ranch

Mrs. Adair, "Range Empress,"  
One of Southwest's Striking Personalities.

HAS 500,000 ACRES OF LAND

Her Nephew, Senator James A. Wadsworth of New York, Once Managed Her Vast Cattle Interests—Pioneer in Southwest.

Fort Worth.—With the death of Mrs. Cornelia Adair in London recently America lost one of its most striking feminine personalities. She not only owned one of the largest ranches in the world but through active management and business foresight made her ranch the best paying in the United States.

A pioneer of the Southwest, used to the hardships and rough frontier life, yet Mrs. Adair spent much of her time in close association with the nobility of England, and frequently entertained nobility at the "J. A." ranch in Donley county, comprising 500,000 acres and more than 100,000 head of cattle. Only a few months ago Mrs. Adair was host to a party of English nobility at the "J. A." ranch, and returned with them to England, intending to return to Texas early in 1922.

## Based Big Property.

She was eighty-five years old, and since 1885, when her husband died, she personally superintended the immense property. She was in truth an empress of the ranges, had been expert with the lasso, rode with her cowboys, put through big deals in live stock and improved the "J. A." herd until it has become known as the best in Texas. At all big stock shows her cattle have won first prizes.

Mrs. Adair was a native of New York, the daughter of Maj. Gen. James S. Wadsworth of Genesee. She married John Adair, an Irishman, in the early '70s and went with him to Colorado. Mrs. Adair, her husband, Mrs. Mary Goodnight, wife of her husband's partner, and a score of cow-

boys made the journey from Pueblo, Colo., to the Texas ranch overland, driving a herd of cattle through a country menaced both by Indians and wild animals and where water holes were few. When within a short distance of their destination it was a gamble whether the entire party and animals would die from thirst.

The horses the men and women rode stumbled along exhausted and the cattle were dropping out almost every minute. A small stream was found in the nick of time, members of the party reaching it one by one and almost gone. They reached the site of the "J. A." ranch next day, then a barren tract of land. Two shanties were built in which Mrs. Adair and Mrs. Goodnight lived for several years. The ranch at first totaled 1,000,000 acres and about a year after arriving there Adair bought out Goodnight's interest.

## Wadsworth Once Manager.

After Adair's death Mrs. Adair employed Richard Walsh to help in man-

agement and he was associated with her until ten years ago, when he went to Rhodesia, Africa, and assumed management of a 6,000-acre ranch. Walsh died in Africa recently. When Walsh left, James A. Wadsworth of New York, her nephew, succeeded him, but he retired in 1914 when elected United States Senator from New York. J. H. Holden is now managing the ranch. It is expected that the Wadsworth family will continue to own and operate the property.

Mrs. Adair, despite her busy life, took deep interest in art, literature and music, devoting much time to study when alone on her ranch in the seventies. She made liberal contributions to charity, helped build the Y. M. C. A. at Clarendon, built a hospital at Clarendon for her ranch hands and the public and invested largely in Liberty bonds during the war.

## Most Gold From Alaska.

Dawson, Alaska.—Alaska yielded the greatest amount of gold in the Yukon valley this year. Statistics made public recently by Superintendent Richard of the northern commercial posts in Alaska, showed that of the valley's total yield of \$4,000,000 Alaska's output was \$2,675,000. Yukon was \$1,250,000, and Atlin, Can., \$75,000.

# Illiteracy in the United States

Partial Census Returns Indicate  
That There Are 6,000,000 or  
7,000,000 Uneducated.

## SOUTHERN STATES IN LEAD

Group of Nine Commonwealths Has  
More Than 2,000,000 Illiterates,  
One-Third of Them Native  
Whites.

Washington.—The United States is still one of the most illiterate of the civilized nations of the world, census figures for 1920 now available in some detail for 28 states reveal. The figures

show more than 2,000,000 illiterates in a group of nine Southern states, one-third of them native whites.

Indications are that the army of illiterates in the United States will not fall far short of 6,000,000 or 7,000,000. There has been progress, however, and notably in the Southern states. Georgia, for example, has 328,838 illiterates, but the percentage of illiteracy is 15.3, as compared with 20.7 in 1910.

South Educating Its People. Alabama has reduced its illiteracy from 22.9 per cent in 1910 to 18.1 per cent in 1920; Louisiana from 29 per cent to 21.9 per cent; Mississippi from 22.4 per cent to 17.1 per cent; South Carolina from 25.7 per cent to 18.1 per cent, and North Carolina from 18.8 per cent to 12.1 per cent.

At this rate, even without the proposed help of the federal government, the South should be virtually free from illiteracy in 30 years. In the meantime the states that have a large foreign-born population are faced with even greater problems than the South. The New York school authorities last year had copied from the census lists the names of adults reported as illiterate and have used this list as the beginning for a systematic drive on illiteracy.

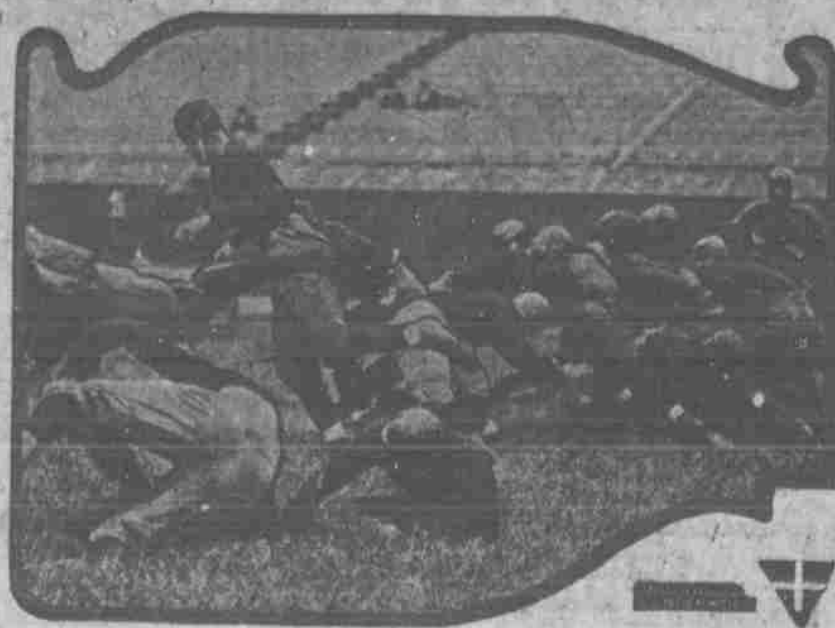
## Country Reducing Figure.

One of the striking revelations of the war was the large amount of native white illiteracy, and the 1920 figures tell very much the same story. While in states like Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana and South Carolina the problem is still mainly one of the negro, in Kentucky and Tennessee the native white illiterates actually outnumber the colored.

The 1910 census gave the United States an illiteracy record of 7.7-10 per cent. Indications are that the 1920 figure, unless the immigrant states of the East show up too badly, will run around 5½ and 6 per cent—still considerably above the illiteracy figure for England, France, Germany, and some of the smaller nations of Europe.

For the most part illiteracy in the rural districts continues to be much worse than in the centers of population. In Alabama rural illiteracy is 20.4 per cent and illiteracy in the towns and cities only 6.5 per cent.

# PENNSYLVANIANS DISPLAY GREAT FIGHTING SPIRIT IN SCRIMMAGE



The photograph given herewith shows members of the Pennsylvania varsity and scrub teams in a hot scrimmage, the varsity making a brilliant display and defeating the scrubs. After the practice game, Coach John W. Heisman said the men had displayed "spirit, enthusiasm, fight, dash and vim."

## FIGURES QUITE INTERESTING

They Prove Consistent Ability and Show Practically Same Men at Top in Hitting.

Baseball figures are interesting in more details than one. They prove consistent ability. Year in and year out, each set of figures show practically the same men at the top in hitting, fielding, and in pitching, writes Damon Runyon in the New York Examiner.

Cobb, Hornsby, Speaker, Ruth, Slater—it is a familiar role. Once in a while a new name appears. Sometimes it remains in the first flight a few weeks, sometimes an entire season, only to drift downward to the lower levels.

When you find it staying there several years you know that name stands for consistent ability. The owner has something more than a mere flash of skill. The good men in baseball, as in every other line, are always at the top.

Faber, with a losing ball club, manages to win ball games by sheer superiority in individual effort. Walter Johnson did it as long as his physical power held out. Cobb, Hornsby, Speaker, Ruth, Slater, would bat .300 with a tail-ender every season.

The figures don't lie in the matter of consistent ability. They may deceive you for a few weeks, or cause you to hail a morning glory as a perpetual bloom, but over a stretch of years they are bound to tell the truth.

## CRACK RACERS ARE RETIRED

Because of Bad Legs, Behave Yourself, Black Servant and Best Pal Are Back on Farm.

Behave Yourself, the winner of the 1921 renewal of the Kentucky derby; Black Servant, his stable mate and runner-up in the derby, together with Best Pal, are back at Idle Hour farm. The animals, which belong to E. R. Bradley, have been temporarily retired from the track, because of the condition of their legs.

## YALE'S 1921 CAPTAIN



A new photograph is given herewith of M. P. Aldrich, half-back and captain of the Yale football team for 1921, as he is about to make a forward pass during practice at New Haven.

## Lafayette Honors Pitchers.

Bill Tierney, of New York, and Jack Longacker, of Pottstown, Pa., varsity pitchers last year, have been honored by their classmates. Tierney was elected president of the senior class and Longacker, president of the junior class.

## CARPENTIER WAVERING?

Georges Carpentier is wavering on his plans to return to America's ring.

Yet Tex Rickard, who has his contract to fight Tommy Gibbons, believes he will.

After Georges went home prior to his match with Dempsey, the same rumors floated across the Atlantic.

This time he has nothing to prove except that he is the best man of his weight in the world. The purse will still be large, but not a fortune.

But Georges' word is his bond. He has given his word.

## MARATHON RUNNER IS FOUND

Homer Baker Discovers Likely Athlete in White Feather, Full-Blooded Indian.

Homer Baker, former international half-mile champion, who is United States government athletic director in the Canal Zone, declares in a letter received by a friend that he has found a Marathon runner, who may be developed for the next United States Olympic team. The athlete is White Feather, full-blooded Indian from the same tribe as the great Tom Longboat. White Feather is with the United States army troops in the Canal Zone. He trains, Baker said, three times a week over the roads from Colon to Gatun.

# INTERESTING SPORT NOTES

Young Jake Schaefer has taken up golf to improve his billiard playing.

Introduction of lacrosse into the schools is being considered in England.

Babe Ruth says that Zeb Zachary of the Washington team is the hardest pitcher in the American league for him to hit.

B. Roker, a one time star barrier of Colgate University, has been admitted to membership in the Morning-side A. C.

Bunny Brief wound up the season in the American association with 42 home runs to his credit, knocking one on the final day.

Frank Bruggy, the heavyweight catcher of the Phillies, will play professional basketball this winter with a team in Brooklyn.

The New York Yankees have sold Johnny Jones, shortstop, and Frank Kane, outfielder, to the Toronto International League club.

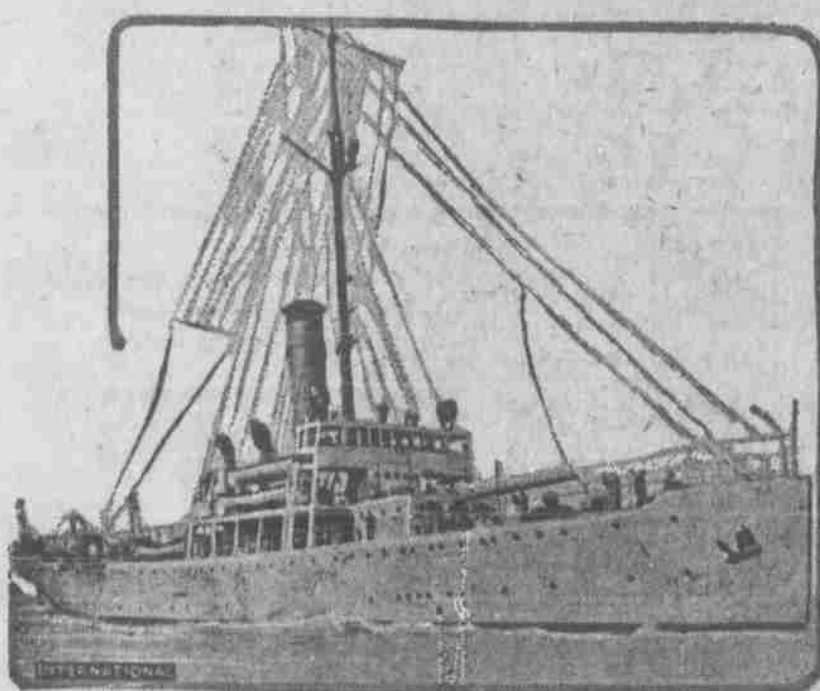
Mike Gibbons, with his manager, Mike Collins, will tour Europe this fall. He has bouts arranged in London, Berlin and Dublin.

It was a wonderful record Umpire Steamboat Johnson made in the South Atlantic league—he was the only umpire to go through the entire season.

Another international yacht race with Sir Thomas Lipton a contender, will probably be held next year. Lipton will build the Shamrock V for the race.

Single G, United States pacing champion, recently defeated Runala, Canada's fastest pacer, in two straight heats in a special half-mile harness race for \$5,000.

# First Electric Coast Guard Cutter



The world's first electric coast guard cutter, the Tampa, has just been given her official sea trials off the Pacific coast. She exceeded her speed requirements, making 16.26 knots per hour, and completed her tests without the slightest trouble with any of her electrical equipment or other apparatus. The Tampa is the first of four cutters with the electric drive being built for the government.

## Sends Parson Dollar for Each Married Year

Rev. R. N. McKelg of Minneapolis, Minn., recently received a letter and \$20 from a man whom he had married 20 years before. He had forgotten all about the couple until he received the letter.

The letter said, that after 20 years of cruising on the sea of matrimony, the writer found that his wife is more wonderful than he ever dreamed she could be. For this the writer was thankful and therefore he sent the preacher one dollar for each year of his happily wedded life.

## Limited Rule.

"Believe yourself happy and you are happy," says a writer. Unfortunately this rule doesn't work when a man thinks he is wise, for then he is otherwise.—Boston Transcript.

# THIS DOCTOR QUILTS AT AGE OF 145

New Jersey Physician Thinks He's Old Enough to Retire.

Father Advises Him Not to Smoke, but Says He Thinks He Has Reached His Full Stature by This Time.

Philadelphia.—Dr. Charles Smith of Egg Harbor, N. J., who says he celebrated his one hundred and forty-fifth birthday the other day, has decided to retire and take a rest.

"When a man has worked as hard as I have and is getting on in years," said Dr. Smith, "it's about time for him to quit working and begin to enjoy himself."

Doctor Smith's assertion regarding his age is supported by old residents of Egg Harbor, some of whom are over ninety. Even the most skeptical townsfolk admit he is well over one

hundred. When he became a resident of Egg Harbor 25 years ago he asserted he was one hundred and twenty.

Doctor Smith was keenly interested in the world's series, for he lived in New York for many years.

He recently took up smoking. "My father always told me that it was an injurious practice and stunts the growth," he said, "I guess I have reached my full stature by this time, so I don't suppose a couple of cigars a day will hurt me."

Doctor Smith says he was born on September 26, 1770, so he is about ten weeks younger than the United States. His grandfather, he says, lived to be one hundred and twenty-four, and his father was killed when he was quite a young man, comparatively speaking, at the age of seventy, by the falling of a tree.

The Pawnee scouts after the Civil war became showmen for "Buffalo Bill."